

REMARKS

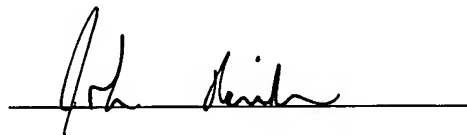
Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner has restricted examination of claims 1-25 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner restricted claims 1-9 to Group I as being drawn to a retaining clip, claims 10-12 and 19-25 to Group II as being drawn to a retaining clip to secure a heatsink, and claims 13-18 to Group III as being drawn to a method of removing a retaining clip.

In a telephone conference with the Examiner on Tuesday, December 21, 2004, the Applicant drew the Examiner's attention to the Request For Continuing Application filed concurrently with the application on September 16, 2003. In this Request the application was amended to cancel claims 1-18, leaving only claims corresponding to the present Group II as pending. By this response, the Applicant confirms the cancellation of claims 1-18 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application. Furthermore, in view of the cancellation of claims 1-18, the Applicant elects to continue prosecution of Group II as set forth by the Examiner.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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